

# State persists in Kin-Buc

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There was no compromise between Kin-Buc Inc. and the state Department of Environmental Protection yesterday on the DEP's order to close the Edison landfill Monday, according to Commissioner David J. Bardin.

Bardin met yesterday afternoon with Beatrice Tylutki, director of Solid Waste Administration for DEP, to discuss limits on the volume of waste accepted at Kin-Buc in lieu of closing it Monday.

However, Bardin said last night the order still stands. He said Kin-Buc could request a hearing before the DEP either before or after the closing, or could fight the DEP action in court. The hearing

must be granted within 20 days of the July 8 order.

Marvin Mahan, chairman of the board at Kin-Buc, said the corporation will fight the order in court if closed. He questioned why the state would take this action when the DEP has held since March of 1975 plans for an improved treatment facility, to be Kin-Buc's new operation.

However, Tylutki's office cited Kin-Buc for non-compliance with DEP regulations for operating its landfill.

Bardin suggested that if the 40-acre landfill on Meadow Road and bordering the Raritan River were closed, the chemicals might either have to be stored at Kin-Buc, rather than be dumped, or be shipped to its sister firm's treatment facility in New York.

Mahan said that facility, Chem-Trol Pollution Services Inc., of Model Cities, N.Y., does not have the capacity to accept the waste accepted by Kin-Buc from its 270 New Jersey industrial customers. Also, the waste would have to be shipped 400 miles to that site.

He added that Kin-Buc could never get a permit from Edison to build storage facilities at its own plant.

The DEP provided a list of nine alternate firms in New Jersey and ten out-of-state operations which accept chemicals, to be made available to Kin-Buc customers on request.

However, Mahan said he sent Bardin a telegram, alerting him that six of the New Jersey operations are Kin-Buc customers, a seventh does not have the

capacity for more business, an eighth is strictly for oil recovery, and the last one is out of business.

Kin-Buc is currently the only landfill allowed to dispose of hazardous chemicals by mixing them with the 100-foot-high mound of garbage at the landfill. Their landfill is cheaper to the customer than the chemical treatment facilities, and more popular.

The landfill owners are more concerned at this point with their plans to open an adjoining 60-acre site, which would eventually replace the 40-acre site the state plans to close.

Kin-Buc II would be one of the largest chemical treatment facilities in the county, with a capacity for 330,000 gallons of liquid waste per day. The hazardous waste

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would no longer be mixed with garbage but would be treated and eventually dumped either in the sewer system or in the Raritan River.

The new landfill has a seven-year life and would probably be replaced by a \$50 million, solid waste resource recovery system, Kin-Buc officials have said.

The initial investment in the chemical treatment facility is about \$4 million and it is jointly owned by Kin-Buc's parent company, Scientific Inc., of Scotch Plains, and SCA Services Inc., a multinational garbage empire, based in Boston.

The DEP is expected to reveal its decision on those plans by Monday, but Bardin said last night the decision had not yet been made.

Miss Tylutki had said New Jersey needs a chemical treatment plant to dispose of huge industry waste. She also had said she was pleased with the revisions made in the plans, at the DEP's request, since the first set of plans were filed.

Miss Tylutki had indicated Kin-Buc might receive conditional approval on its expansion plans with new restrictions to be imposed.

An ad hoc citizens committee seeking to close Kin-Buc, and headed by Edison Councilwoman Dorothy Drwal held its first meeting last night, and chose as one tactic, to demonstrate before the gates, or tie up traffic at the site if Kin-Buc is reopened. Mrs. Drwal said that would not take place on Monday but at a subsequent date.

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